



Another Successful Fiesta Sahuarita



Town Welcomes New Town Clerk Lisa Cole

The Town Clerk Department is now under the leadership of Lisa Cole. Lisa came to the Town of Sahuarita several years ago as a resident, and now has joined the local workforce as the Town's new clerk. Lisa is a certified municipal clerk who brings 9 years of experience with her from her previous position with the City of Tucson.

"I'm happy to be here and to serve the community that I live in."



There's a short video on the Town's YouTube Channel

With attendance estimated to be around 11,000, this year's Fiesta Sahuarita was another great success.

There were many great features of Fiesta this year such as the water park, informational booths, fun activities, 90 vendors, and many great performances from local groups.

Mayor Duane Blumberg and the Mayor of Magdalena de Kino, Dr. Jesús Rodolfo Martínez Leal signed a Sister City agreement under the main tent.

"I'm honored that the Town

of Sahuarita and the City of Magdalena de Kino have come together in friendship to sign a Sister City accord, a first for Sahuarita," said Mayor Blumberg.

According to Blumberg, the Town Council approved a Sister City resolution with Magdalena de Kino, Sonora, Mexico in June. "We're working on defining immediate areas where our two communities can cooperate: developing business, exchanging education ideas, promoting arts and culture, and more."



PLAY-N-LEARN

WITH **PARKS**
& RECREATION

A Big Thank You to our Partners for the Infield Improvements at Anamax Park



*Infield improvements in progress at Anamax.
The work has been completed.*

In a collaborative effort, Copper Hills Little League, Caterpillar Inc. and the White Elephant partnered with the Town Parks & Recreation Department to make infield improvements to Field-2 at Anamax Park. The partnership consisted of Labor (Copper Hills), Material, (White Elephant), New turf (Parks & Recreation Dept.) and Equipment (Caterpillar Inc.). The old infield turf was removed, graded, and leveled by Caterpillar Inc., Labor and field layout was performed by Copper Hills Little League, new infield mix was donated by the White Elephant of Green Valley, and irrigation and replacement turf was

provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.

The Town would like to express its gratitude and extend a big thank you to Copper Hills Little League and Caterpillar Inc., along with the White Elephant for their partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department at Anamax Park. Their contribution to the community and the kids is greatly appreciated.



You may have seen Melissa at Fiesta Sahuarita, she's been one of the driving forces behind the entire event since 2008. With her new certifications we're sure that Fiesta Sahuarita will only continue to get better!

Parks and Rec Proud of Employee's Certification Work and Scholarships Earned!

Melissa Hinkle is working towards her certification through the Certified Festival and Event Executive Program given by the International Festival and Event Association. She received \$1,000 in scholarships last year to attend the International Festival Conference from 2 sources, APRF (Arizona Parks and Recreation Fellowship) and the International Festival and Events Association (IFEA). This year she received \$500 towards her certification program.

The 3-year program includes:

- Sponsorship/Sponsorship Service*
- Non-Sponsorship Revenue Programs*
- Marketing/Media Relations*
- Administration/Management*
- Project Management*
- Operations/Risk Management*

She will also have to complete:

- Professional Seminar/Conference Attendance*
- Professional Publication*
- Speaking and Presentations*
- Final Professional Assessment by the IFEA Academy of Event Education*
- Experiential and professional membership requirements*

When she is finished, she will be a Certified Festival and Event Executive (CFEE)

http://www.ifea.com/joomla2_5/index.php/education-overview/cfee-certification/cfee-fast-track

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY OCTOBER 26TH



National Rx Take-Back VII is coming up on October 26, 2013. The event will be held in front of the Wal-Mart at 18680 S Nogales Hwy from 10 am to 2 pm. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unused or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medication, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Remember, if you can't make it to this event, the Sahuarita Police Department has a free disposal site in the police lobby drop box during business hours. The Police station can be found at 315 W Sahuarita Center Way.



Saturday, October 12th – The 6th Annual “Cruisin’ Sahuarita” Car Show will be held from 11 am to 3 pm at the Sahuarita Town Center. Come check out Classic Cars, Modern Cars and Motorcycles! All proceeds will benefit the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce Foundation which provides educational scholarships for students in the Sahuarita and Green Valley area. Find out more about the event online at www.cruisinsahuarita.com.



Saturday, October 26th – ‘Spooktacular’ at the Sahuarita Intermediate School. Join us for Halloween Fun including “Trunk or Treat” or the “Zombie High” Haunted House - we hear it's where the dead go to learn and the students are to die for!!!! There will also be a DJ, Food Trucks, Local Business and much more! It will be a ghoulishly good time for all.

Getting Down to Business

Citizen Centric Report Released



Many governments struggle to communicate the business of government to residents, particularly when presenting information about how taxpayers' money is allocated and spent. Traditionally, financial information has been presented in forms accessible only to

trained accountants—reams of information, which, though vital, have little meaning for the average person. The Finance Department is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and has prepared its annual “Report to Our Citizens” for submission. The “Report to Our Citizens for Fiscal Year 2012” is the Town's third submission to the AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative that is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. For the 2010 report the Town received a certificate of achievement and the 2011 and 2012 reports received a certificate of excellence.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – YOU'RE INVITED

The Town of Sahuarita is holding two public open houses to provide an overview and gather input regarding the Town's Long Range Planning Process.

This includes the following:

- Sahuarita General Plan Update
- Major Streets & Routes Plan Map Update
- Sahuarita East Conceptual Area Plan

Complete information available online

What Is That Smell????

Residents occasionally contact us because they smell sulfur-type odors inside their home. While the odor may be from sewer gasses that rise up through empty drain pipes, the first thing a homeowner should rule out is that there is not a natural gas leak. According to Southwest Gas, a gas leak may be present if you smell an odor similar to rotten eggs, hear an unusual noise coming from the ground or an above-ground pipeline or see discolored vegetation surrounding a pipeline, or water or dirt blowing into the air in the vicinity of a natural gas pipeline. If you suspect a natural gas leak, leave the vicinity immediately (don't use an automated door or turn off light switches) and call 911.

For smelly odors coming from your drainpipes, the solution can be simple. The plumbing fixtures in your home have traps, which typically look like the "U" you see under your sink. Even your bathtub and shower drains have traps under the floor. These traps are designed to hold water and, when operating properly, they prevent sewer gasses from rising up through the drain into your home. These traps can dry out or the water level can become too low to work properly, especially when the plumbing fixtures haven't been used for a while. In the desert southwest, traps can dry out fairly quickly. To keep your traps full, it is recommended you flush toilets and run water into the baths, showers, sinks, washer drains, or other similar plumbing fixtures once each week.

Another source of smelly odors in homes can occur in sewer vent pipes that extend through the roof. If clogged, they can trap odors, which escape into the home. Odors that persist could possibly be due to leaking pipes, leaking wax seals on toilets, or other leaks in the plumbing system. A plumber can help diagnose these types of odors in your home.

If you notice sewer odors coming from manholes, please call:

Within Rancho Sahuarita – 520-344-7400

Elsewhere in the Town of Sahuarita – 520-724-3400 (Pima County)



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375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
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or call

520-822-8800

